

South King County Projects Update

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South King County Traffic Closures This Week

Note: Most crews will stop work by noon on Thursday, Nov. 10 and resume on Monday morning, Nov. 14, due to the Veterans' Day holiday weekend.

Interstate 5

- Drivers should anticipate nightly closures of the left lane of northbound I-5 between S. 320th and Military Road Monday through Thursday (Nov. 7-10) from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. for HOV lane paving. This work is weather dependent and may be postponed by rain.
- The left lane of southbound I-5 between Military Road and S. 320th will close daily Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for HOV ramp construction.

Highway 161

- Expect daily shoulder closures on Highway 161 between S. 360th and Milton Way Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. while crews work to widen the highway.

New Traffic Cameras on Highway 18

Last Thursday we turned on two new traffic cameras on Highway 18: one at [Weyerhaeuser Way](#) and one at [West Valley Highway](#). We also activated three miles of [congestion map](#) information on Highway 18 between I-5 and Highway 167. The cameras will allow drivers and traffic reporters to get a better look at traffic conditions online and will give our emergency dispatch a more complete view of traffic situations that may cause delays on Highway 18.

We also turned on two new cameras on I-5 in Everett. With the addition of the new cameras, the public has access to more than [130 freeway cameras](#) between Olympia and the Canadian Border, and many more around the State. WSDOT's traffic Web pages are the most popular of all WSDOT Web pages, visited by thousands of people and the media every day.



I-5 Paving Preparations and Concrete Pours Near South 317th Street

Crews are doing as much work in the rain as possible on the [I-5 – South 317th Direct Access Project](#). We're testing drainage pipes on the project, and we're drilling steel bars into the existing northbound pavement that will connect it to the new pavement we'll pour for the northbound HOV lane.

We've also poured concrete for HOV ramp barrier, bases for light poles, the piece on the end of the S. 317th bridge where it will connect to the HOV ramps, and footing for the retaining wall at the north end of the HOV ramps. [View our latest construction photos.](#)

Vanpoolers Set Records, Enjoy Benefits

In August 2005 nearly 15,000 people throughout Washington State rode in vanpools each day. These riders enjoy benefits like access to Puget Sound's growing network of HOV lanes, to free park-and-ride lots, and, often, to employer-sponsored commute incentives. Soon vanpools will be using the new direct access ramps on I-5 in Federal Way to enter and exit the freeway over the heads of drivers in the general-purpose lanes.

Vanpool ridership has increased 20% over the level of 2 years ago and continues to grow in record-setting numbers. Join the over 14,000 individuals that have used [RideshareOnline.com](#) to search for other commuters who want to vanpool or carpool to work.

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to 1520 AM to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail [Laura Johnson](#).